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**louis vallance**

Today at 7:57 PM

To me

Hello My name is Louis Vallance and I am from Cheboygan, Michigan and I thank you for having me here today to discuss the PA 51 road and transportation funding issues. First of all I think that the current formula is in violation of Michigan's Constitution its not equal representative of the 83 counties of the state. It is currently written to favor a three county populous of Wayne Oakland and Macomb counties. See with the current formula my County of Cheboygan recieves about 3.7-4.1 Million dollars in funding which is woefully inadequate for my counties needs and requirements. With my proposal of doing a 1-83 split my county and each other county would recieve 25 million dollars The way I look at it Wayne county is abusing the funding by inferior road work and over staffing and having excessive machinery -see note handout See Wayne County boasts that they have the largest snow removal fleet in the state of about 200 trucks my county which is 100 square miles larger than Wayne only has 37 trucks and is no younger than 2007 with over 400,000 miles on them and can only be replaced when in a auto accident. So According to my county Road commission Manager my county needs about 75-100 million right this second to get Cheboygan county up to MDOT code since most if not all of his equipment would fail a USDOT and MDOT inspection also there are hundreds of miles of PAVED roads that need replacement in Cheboygan county not accounting for the graveled roads that need to be brought up to code from years of unconstitutional road funding by this legislative body. With the major metro counties whoos needs exceed 25 million dollars would get it from local sources such as Ford, GM, Chrysler Quicken Loans Comerica Bank and Kelloggs and the big league sport teams or the federal government. I dont see the need to fund Amtrak or Greyhound since they are not a pure Michigan company like Indian Trails is out of Owosso, Michigan Amtrak is a Federal agency and Greyhound is a British company named First Union Transportation company. So I ask you to change PA 51 to be a 1-83 split of ALL transportation dollars Spending money with Pure Michican companies.

You do remember what our Governor said at the last State of the State address (WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER) PA 51 is not that way with its current language and formulas period plain and simple thing needs to be changed NOW! In closing I do expect each lawmaker to get their hands dirty and do the work for a change. I will be voting NO i repeat NO on the May tax increase. PA 51 should be enough do your jobs lawmakers. Furthermore on a side note On the Mackinaw Bridge you do need to honor the edict that the Governor who authorized the construction bonds of the bridge when the bridge was paid in full it would be a toll free bridge and the state would maintain the bridge. See you are worried about a second Detroit bridge when you should be worried about the Michigan jugular vein of the Mackinaw Bridge since that bridge is north of 50 years old you need to begin to write a bill for its replacement very very soon. And this time that new bridge shall not be a toll bridge it will be bought and paid for with tax dollars and maintained by the MDOT not the Bridge Authority which has been collecting tolls and adding expenses wrongfully for over 20 years now. Mackinaw Bridge must be a toll free bridge. And fund the transportation issues equally as per the Michigan's Constitution 1-83 since no where does it state Wayne county is any better than Cheboygan county not whatsoever! If we need to have 83 house reps and 83 senators so each county has a vote then you need to change it so each county is equally represented here in Lansing. Thank you for having me here and I will take any questions at time permits.

And thank you Chairman Peter Petailia for allowing me to have my say here in this committee.

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